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Crothersville Businessman Arrested for Sales Tax Evasion

William B. Toppe, operator of Jackson County Auto Storage Pool of Crothersville, Indiana, surrendered to Marion County Criminal Court authorities on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, on four counts of Failure to Remit Sales Tax and four counts of Theft, all Class D felonies.

The Indiana Department of Revenue's Criminal Investigation Division filed the charges with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office as a result of an investigation into the business practices of Toppe's Crothersville business.

Toppe, a Jackson County resident, is alleged to have collected Retail Sales Tax from his customers but failed to remit such tax to the State.

The maximum sentence for each Class D felony is three years in prison and a possible fine of up to \$10,000.00.

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